CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW RHO CHAPTER MEMBERS

Rho Chapter New Inductees:

Diane Asher
Brooke Bielaniec
Mary Cochran
Claire Conlon
Caroline Connolly
Emily Diepenhorst
Elisabeth Dsouza
Natalie Dulzo
Jaclyn Efrusy
Jessica Fladger
Kimberly Ford
Jennifer Frey
Alexandria Gashkoff
Allison Gerstein
Evelyn Gilbert
Elihau (Elli) Gurfinkel
Megan Gutting
Alyssa Habecker
Lisa Hellebuyck
Kayleigh Hendricks
Tiffany Hoang
Amber Hoffman
Emma Holbert
Tatiana Hortig
Kari Kenney
Blaine Krach
Tara Kristock
Man Kuang*
Christina Ladd
Sandra Levi
Amy Levinger
Alyssa LoGrasso
Tabitha Luca
Marilyn Maa
Kayla McCarrell
Charleen Minard
Anthony Minaudo
Laura Moll
Megan Morath
Daniel Ochylski
Anna Osetek
Kelsey Palmer
Lauren Panzlau
Rebecca Piasecki
Melanie Richards
Jenelle Ritchie
Alaina Robinson
Emily Ruimveld
Luiz Sanches
Rebecca Schreier
Jessica Schultz
Jillian Schwartz
Denise Souliere
Danielle Sredzinski
Julianne Stieber
Yu-Mei Sun
Kelley VanMaldeghem
Paola Velosa
Shana Walker
Zhiwen Wang
SPRING INDUCTION AND AWARDS CEREMONY 2013

Rho Chapter capped an exciting weekend at the School of Nursing with the annual New Member Induction and Chapter Awards ceremony, held on Sunday April 6, at the Michigan League Ballroom. This year, we inducted 62 enthusiastic new members and presented Chapter Awards to seven outstanding nurses, future nurses, and a friend of nursing for outstanding leadership, service, and excellence in practice. The chapter also presented its annual research grant awards. Dr. Marge Calarco welcomed the inductees and awardees on behalf of the Health System and Dr. Janet Larson gave remarks on behalf of the School of Nursing. Chapter President, Sharon Smith was our capable mistress of ceremonies, introducing our new members, and presenting the Chapter awards. The Induction Ceremony included the first recipients of the Ketefian Fund grant established by Dr. Shaké Ketefian to support membership dues for international students from low and middle income countries. And thanks to the generous contributions of members and their guests, Rho Chapter was able to support the Delonis Shelter with gifts of socks and toiletries and a cash donation collected at the ceremony.

This wonderful event was coordinated by our faithful Awards Chairperson, Mary Sue Webb and her helpers. Mary Sue oversaw the awards selection process and handled the planning for the ceremony. A special thank you also goes to our Faculty Counselor, Judy Wismont, who managed all of the details of the new member selection process. And finally, sincere thanks to Chapter President, Sharon Smith, Vice-President Deb Price, Past-President Norma Sarkar, and many other helpers, for making this event special for our inductees and awardees. To see a photo slide show of the ceremony, click on this link: Rho Chapter Awards & Induction Photos

For members who are reading a paper copy, visit the Rho Chapter website and click on Events: www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHAPTER AWARD WINNERS

Excellence in Nursing Practice: Marcia Hegstad, MS, RN, ACNS, CDE, BC-ADM

Excellence in Nursing Education: Laurie S. Hartman, DNP, RN, ACNP-BC, UMSN Clinical Assistant Professor

Excellence in Nursing Research: Sonia A. Duffy, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, UMSN Professor

Distinguished Service: Judy G. McCook, Ph.D., MSN, CNS, RN-BC

Rising Star: Sarah Taylor, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, Clinical Nurse Specialist, UMHS

Friend of Nursing: Deborah Lauseng, BS, AMLS, U of M Health Sciences Librarian

Student Leadership: Jessica Schultz, Tatiana Hortig, Emily Diepenhorst, (senior nursing students)

Rho Chapter Research & Special Projects Grant: Jesus (Jessie) M. Casida, Ph.D., RN, APN-C, CCRN-CSC, UMSN Assistant Professor, for his research study: “Psychometric Evaluation of LVAD Patient and Caregiver Self-Efficacy and Adherence Scales”

Congratulations to our first Ketefian Fund grant recipients: Luiz M.P Sanches, Yu-Mei Sun, Zhiwen Wang
**PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

What a weekend! April 5, 6, and 7 were some of the most activity-packed dates in the School of Nursing’s and Rho Chapter’s recent history. The weekend began on Friday morning with the celebration of the groundbreaking for the School’s new building followed by the Dean’s Research day in the afternoon. Rho Chapter was pleased to support the Dean’s luncheon held at noon which was attended by members who spanned Rho’s history, from charter members to new inductees. See the event summary on page four. On Sunday, I was proud to welcome 63 new members and honor 9 outstanding colleagues at the annual Induction and Awards Ceremony. It was inspiring to see our members’ contributions to scholarship, student leadership, and nursing practice and education in all of these events.

Rho Chapter has been able to carry out its strategic plan by establishing new communication mechanisms including a chapter Facebook site, supporting community service projects such as the Delonis Center and the students’ Hope for Haiti fundraiser, increasing our grants and special projects grants, and supporting or sponsoring six conferences during the 2012-2013 academic year. All of these activities are possible because of you, our loyal members, through your dues and gifts. I would like to especially acknowledge donors to our Chapter, who included additional funds, earmarked for Rho, with their annual dues: Gail Burleson, Ann Cook, Jane Wilson Coon, Elaine Fellows, Diane Gary, Judith Lutz, Diane Prager, Lillianh Simms, and Barbara Wranesh. Also, I am pleased to recognize the donation by Marguerite Harms of her chapter pin. The board decided to designate it as the President’s pin, and it will be passed to each new Chapter president. Thank you to all of these members for supporting our Chapter!

**RHO CHAPTER OFFICERS**

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These events were co-sponsored or supported by Rho Chapter:

**Evidence-Based Practice Conference** (March 15, 2013) *Building a Solid Foundation*

At the fifteenth annual conference, School of Nursing faculty members, Dr. Dana Tschannen, PhD, RN, Clinical Assistant Professor, and Dr. Ann Sales, PhD, RN, Professor, explored key questions about planning and implementing evidence-based practice projects. Dr. Tschannen focused on the commonalities and differences between EBP, quality improvement, and research activities, while Dr. Sales asked “What happens after you do an evidence-based project?” to challenge the audience to sustain their EBP practice changes. Breakout sessions were focused on the nuts and bolts of planning and implementing successful projects, including helping novices get started on a EBP practice change and investigators sharing their own challenges and successes.

**SICU Conference** (February 26, 2013) *Leaping Forward Stitching Evidence into Practice.*

The second annual SICU conference featured plenary sessions on ARDS, Sepsis, Pain management in critical care, as well as mini-sessions focused on the latest evidence for interventions for pulmonary and cardiac support, infection control, and palliative care. The featured speaker was Dr. Pauline K. Park, MD, FACS who discussed current evidence for lung injury prevention.

**2013 Dean’s Research Day** (April 5, 2013): *Improving Family Health Through Practice-Changing Research.* This conference featured the Suzanne H. Brouse Lectureship: *Families and Chronic Illness: The Ties that Bind* presented by Dr. Janet A. Deatrick, PhD, RN, FAAN, a renowned family science researcher from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Dr. Deatrick discussed the importance of understanding different styles of family management of chronic illness. The day also featured a luncheon for alumni, students, and current and former faculty members as well as a Poster Session featuring current research efforts at the School of Nursing.

**UM Students April Young, Stephanie Johnson & Jenelle Ritchie**
KUDOS!!!!

Jennifer Merritt-Hackel, Clinical Instructor, UM School of Nursing received her DNP from Columbia University. Cynthia Fenske, Lecturer IV and Deb Price, Clinical Instructor, received their DNP from Oakland University. Martie McClain, MS, RN, nurse practitioner at Michigan Heart cardiology practice in Ann Arbor was inducted as an Associate of the American College of Cardiology (AACC) at the 2013 convocation in San Francisco.

Laurel Northouse, PhD, RN, FAAN, was selected as the recipient of the Distinguished Researcher award from the Oncology Nursing Society. This is the highest honor bestowed in oncology nursing science.

The Institute of Medicine named Dr. Antonia Villarruel to chair its roundtable on Promotion of Health Equity and the Elimination of Health Disparities.

Jessica Schultz, BSN, senior honors program student, along with her mentor, Dr. Annie Kao received the Outstanding Senior Honors Student Research Paper award for her poster, "Parenting Style and Practice within the Cultural Context."

Congratulations to the Rho Chapter members who were honored for completing their degrees at the May 2013 School of Nursing commencement.

Rho Chapter Graduates 2013!

Diane Asher
Brooke Bielaniec
Frankie Bonner
Kyla Boyse
Samantha Budd
Roxanne Chan
Mary Cochran
Caroline Connolly
Denise Cooper
Emily Diepenhorst
Elizabeth Dosouza
Natalie Dulzo
Jaclyn Efrusy
Jessica Fladger
Jennifer Frey
Alexandria Gashkoff
Allison Gerstein
Megan Gutting
Alyssa Habeker
Lisa Hellebuyck
LaShon Hart
Kayleigh Hendricks
Amber Hoffman
Emma Holbert
Tatiana Hortig
Kari Kenney
Ashleigh Klimmek
Blaine Krach
Tara Kristock
Meghan Lemmer
Amy Levinger
Alyssa LoGrasso
Kayla McCarrell
Andrea McClain
Anthony Minaudo
Laura Moll
Megan Morath
Nicole Miller
Daniel Ochyski
Kelsey Palmer
Lauren Panzlau
Melanie Richards
Jenelle Ritchie
Monica Rochman
Emily Ruimveld
Rebecca Schreier
Jessica Schultz
Jillian Schwartz
Yvonne Small
Denise Souliere
Danielle Sredzinski
Julianne Stieber
Jasmine Teamer
Kelley VanMaldeghem
Paola Veloso
Shana Walker
Sarah Walsh
Erica Worrell
Lisa Yetter

RHO CHAPTER SUPPORTS HOPE FOR HAITI FUNDRAISER

On March 22, 2013 the U of M Student Nurses Association held its annual fundraiser to support their sister nursing school in Haiti, Faculte des Sciences Infirmieres de l’Universite Episcopale d’Haiti. The students were able to raise $4,000 to be used for textbooks, supplies, and scholarships. Rho Chapter supported the event by donating an iPad 2 to the raffle. The iPad winner was Cindy Sutton, Academic Records Assistant in the Rackham Graduate School. Cindy bought her winning ticket during lunch at Nick’s Cafe in the 300 NIB. Congratulations, Cindy!

Cindy Sutton
**NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE FOR COMMUNITY NURSE LEADER MEMBERSHIP**

Do you know a nurse who displays leadership, creative work, support for professional standards and commitment to scholarly nursing? Faculty - do you work with nurses in your practice settings who show these qualities? This nurse should become a member of Sigma Theta Tau! The "Community Leader" membership category is for practicing nurses who hold at least a bachelor's degree, and whose professional work exemplifies the purposes of Sigma Theta Tau International.

To nominate a nurse for membership, use the nomination form on page 7 of the newsletter Or visit the Rho chapter website, and download the membership form by going to www.nursing.umich.edu/rho chapter and click on “Membership”.

The nominee will be asked to provide an application and a C.V. Nominations are due **September 15, 2013**.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Rho Chapter Events:**
- Community Leader nominations: Due September 15, 2013
- Research/Special Projects Grants: Due September 30, 2013

**Rho Chapter Supported Events:**
UMHS Nursing Poster Session 2013 (mid-September 2013. Stay tuned for date announcement)

Rho chapter events are also found on the web on the School of Nursing calendar. Go to www.nursing.umich.edu and click on “Events Calendar.” Or visit our Facebook site: https://www.facebook.com/SigmaThetaTauInternationalRhoChapter

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**42nd Biennial STTI Convention:**
16-20 November 2013, Indianapolis, IN
Early Registration - 18 September 2013
Register online at nursingsociety.org or call 888.634.7575 (U.S./Canada toll-free)

**24th International Nursing Research Congress:**
Prague, Czech Republic
22-26 July, 2013
Register online at nursingsociety.org or email congress@stti.org or call 888.634.7575 (U.S./Canada toll-free)

**New! STTI Job Board:**

STTI Members – Look for your first nursing job or expand your career!

Now STTI members can search thousands of nursing jobs by keyword, location or nursing job type on our new members only job board!
Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing - Rho Chapter

Nomination for Community Leader

Do you know a nurse who has demonstrated leadership, creative work, and scholarship? Consider nominating them for Rho Chapter membership by completing the form below. See the Rho Chapter web site for more information (www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter - click on “Membership”)

NOMINEE:
Name: __________________________________
Address: ________________________________
City/State/Zip: ___________________________
Email Address: ___________________________
Phone:_________________________________

The nominee will be contacted for additional information.

Return completed form by September 15 to:
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RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROJECTS GRANTS:
Grants up to $2500 are available to Rho members. Application deadline is September 30, 2013.
Visit our website at www.nursing.umich.edu/rho-chapter - Click on "Research and Special Projects" for more information and the application form.

DON'T MISS IMPORTANT CHAPTER NEWS--UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WITH STTI: Rho Chapter compiles email addresses from the STTI database. We use the STTI database for sending the Chapter newsletter, information about upcoming events, and photos from recent events. Be sure that your email address is up to date in your STTI member profile. Contact Membership Services to update your information at 888-634-7575 (toll free).

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Thanks!